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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/609,399

Applicants: Kohichi KATOH, et al.

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For: TONER COMPOSITION, TWO COMPONENT
DEVELOPER USING THE TONER COMPOSITION,
AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DEVELOPING ELECTROSTATIC LATENT IMAGE
USING THE TONER COMPOSITION

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: DOTE, JANIS L.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 11, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group I, and identify Claims 1-7, and 13-17 as readable on the elected group.

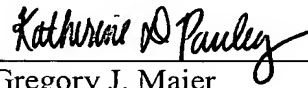
Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement because, as set forth in MPEP § 803: "If the search examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

The Claims of Groups I and II appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Therefore, Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-17 be conducted.

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